

Assistant Director for Research and Reports

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Chief, Economic Research Area

Activity Report for the Month of April 1958

I. Items of General Interest

a. The following ORR consultants reviewed on 9 and 10 April the Economic Research Area's (ERA) proposed FY 1959 research program:

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The ERA Division Chiefs; the Chief and Deputy Chief, ERA; the Assistant and Deputy Assistant Director, ORR; the DD/I and the ORR consultants discussed the program and related matters on 10 April with the DCI.

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b. [redacted] was relieved from assignment as Chief, Weapons and Ammunitions Branch (to be abolished), Industrial Division, ORR, and designated Chief, Transport and Heavy Machinery Branch, Industrial Division, ORR; vice [redacted] reassigned as Chief of ORR contingent in [redacted].

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c. [redacted] Deputy Chief, ERA, and [redacted] Chief European Satellites Branch, Analysis Division, are visiting Agency [redacted].

d. A number of senior personnel of the ERA are in Paris serving as members of US technical teams supporting multilateral COCOM negotiations.

e. A number of ERA analysts attended the meetings of the Far Eastern Association in New York.

f. [redacted] A/U, visited [redacted] with the 1955 ruble-dollar ratios for machinery and equipment.

g. [redacted] M/FP, spent three days in [redacted] conferring with [redacted] on intelligence subjects.

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h. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] members of the Agricultural Consultants' Panel, met in Washington for three days of briefing and consultation with members of the Agriculture Branch.

25X1A9a i. [REDACTED] Chief M/RF, traveled [REDACTED] discuss with [REDACTED] the historical background of the Panel of Consultants on Nonferrous Metals and Minerals, reasons why the panel has been inactive, and the changed conditions that should result in a more frequent and effective use of the consultants.

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j. Several senior members of the ERA discussed with representatives of [REDACTED] the various possibilities for [REDACTED] support of research on the Sino-Soviet Bloc.

k. The final draft of the staff study proposing a partial reorganization of the Analysis, Industrial and Services Divisions and other reallocations of personnel strength in order to provide for an expanded program of research on guided missiles was completed and, upon concurrence by the AD/RR, was forwarded to the DD/I.

2. Summary of Analysis Division's Activities.

a. Accomplishments: During April, D/A submitted a contribution to an area-wide project and completed an unnumbered support project, prepared 10 evaluations, and participated in 8 briefings and debriefings. Three members of A/U coordinated with ONE and State a joint project on the Soviet Industrial Reorganization. In addition, several members of D/A gave lectures at OIR training courses and presented papers to the European Satellites Committee. Members of A/U held three seminars on various aspects of Soviet economic development.

25X1A5a1 b. Trips: [REDACTED] attended the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies in New York, April 1-3. [REDACTED] A/U, visited the [REDACTED]

25X1A5a1 Machinery and Equipment. [REDACTED] combined attendance at the meetings of the Midwest Economic Association, April 16-19, with a recruiting trip to the Midwest. [REDACTED] along with the Deputy Chief ERA, departed [REDACTED] on 12 April to visit [REDACTED]

3. Summary of Materials Division's Activities.

a. Accomplishments: During April, D/M completed one branch project and revised another one, completed two NIS sections and submitted three contributions to area-wide projects. In addition, the Division completed nine small support projects, forwarded two CSM's, prepared 24 evaluations, and prepared memoranda for the IAC Ad Hoc Committee on Exchanges and for the OCB.

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b. Trips: [REDACTED] M/FM, departed [REDACTED] 25X1A6a
 COCOM negotiations; he will also visit [REDACTED] and
 attend the Brussels Fair. Four members of D/M attended the Far Eastern 25X1A5a1
 Association meetings in New York. [REDACTED] M/FP, visited [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] to confer with [REDACTED] officials on intelligence
 problems. [REDACTED] M/NF, visited [REDACTED] confer with Mr. 25X1A5a1
 [REDACTED] concerning reactivation of the Panel
 of Consultants on Nonferrous Metals and Minerals. 25X1A5a1

c. Administration: Members of the Agricultural Consultants' Panel
 met in Washington for three days of briefing and consultation with members
 of the Agriculture Branch. [REDACTED] M/FP, resigned from the
 Agency to accept a position in industry. 25X1A9a

4. Summary of Industrial Division's Activities.

a. Accomplishments: During April, D/I completed five branch projects,
 one area-wide project, four contributions to other area-wide projects, one
 small support project, and one current support item. In addition, members
 of the Division participated in several briefings.

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b. Trips: [REDACTED] I/AR, attended the National
 Aeronautic Association meetings in New York on 8-11 April. [REDACTED]
 Chief I/EE, and [REDACTED] I/TH, departed [REDACTED] connection 25X1A6a
 with COCOM negotiations. [REDACTED] I/GM, left on 20 April for 25X1X7
 90 days TDY [REDACTED] in connection with [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] who worked on Soviet guided missile programs. Several members
 of D/I visited nearby industrial establishments for training purposes.

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c. Administration: [REDACTED] was relieved as Chief I/WA and
 reassigned as Chief I/TH. [REDACTED] resigned from the Agency, and
 [REDACTED] I/MH, transferred to OC/C. 25X1A9a

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5. Summary of Services Division's Activities.

a. Accomplishments: During April, D/S completed eight branch projects,
 contributed to three area-wide projects, and forwarded seven small support
 projects, eight CSM's and three contributions to the CIWR. The Division also
 reviewed about 100 Fact Sheets for release to the [REDACTED] 25X1A5a1
 discussions, reviewed about 70 requests for exceptions to [REDACTED] security 25X1A5a1
 trade controls, and provided support to EDAC Working Group II on 33
 Administrative Action Cases.

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 [REDACTED] S/COM, [REDACTED] S/TF, resigned from
 the Agency, [REDACTED] S/TH, transferred to the D/S.

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6. Summary of Current Support Staff's Activities.

a. Accomplishments: During April, the following numbers of articles for the indicated OCI publications were prepared or concurred in, respectively: CIWR, 16-11; CIB, 13-14; CIS/CID, 5-4; CID, 28-20. In addition, memoranda were prepared or information was forwarded to the Indications Liaison Officer, the National Indications Center, and/or the IAC Watch Committee on 30 subjects. Eight CSM's were published during April. In addition, contributions were made to four NSC Briefings, and also to a memorandum prepared for a member of the Council of Economic Advisors.

7. Summary of Publications Staff's Activities.

a. Accomplishments: During April, St/PR released 20 reports as follows: 5 RA's, 2 RR's, 2 SC/RR's, 2 DM's, 1 IP, 1 MP, 3 EIC Biweekly reports, 1 CFEP, and 3 miscellaneous reports. Editing was completed on 20 reports, typing was completed on 21, and 24 were sent to reproduction. During April, St/PR/A completed statistical review of 12 reports. Three NIS contributions were submitted to OHI.

8. Summary of Planning and Review Staff's Activities.

a. Accomplishments: During April, 10 regular and 16 small support projects were initiated, and 21 regular and 17 small support projects were completed. Eight recruits from the 1957 Campaign are currently in process, out of a total of 24 for whom actions had been initiated, 16 persons having cancelled or having been rejected for security or other reasons. St/PR compiled the draft ERA research program for FY 1959, prepared the ERA contribution to the Semi-annual Report to the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities, and completed the final draft of the staff study proposing a reorganization and reallocation of personnel strength in the ERA.

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